

How To Judge And Love

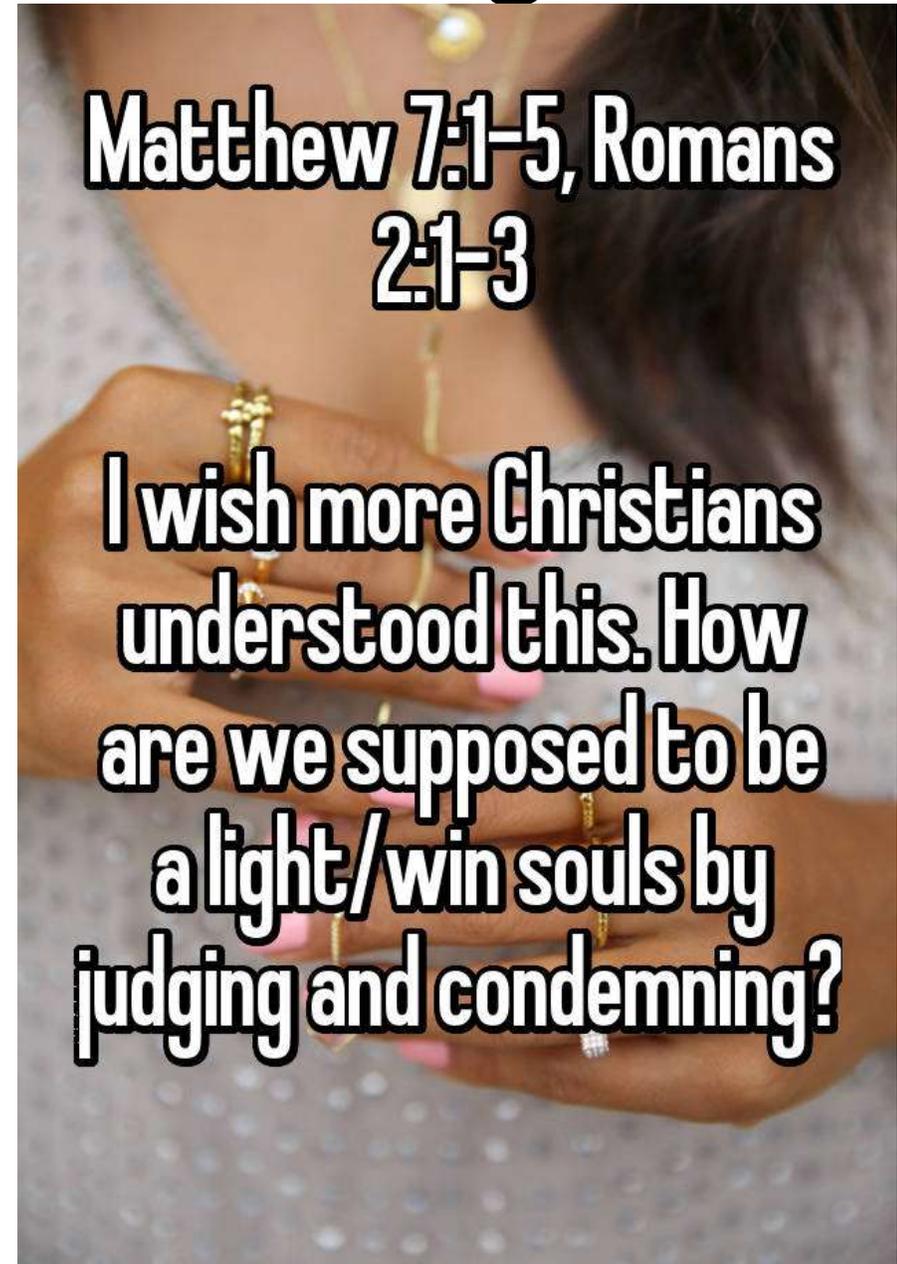
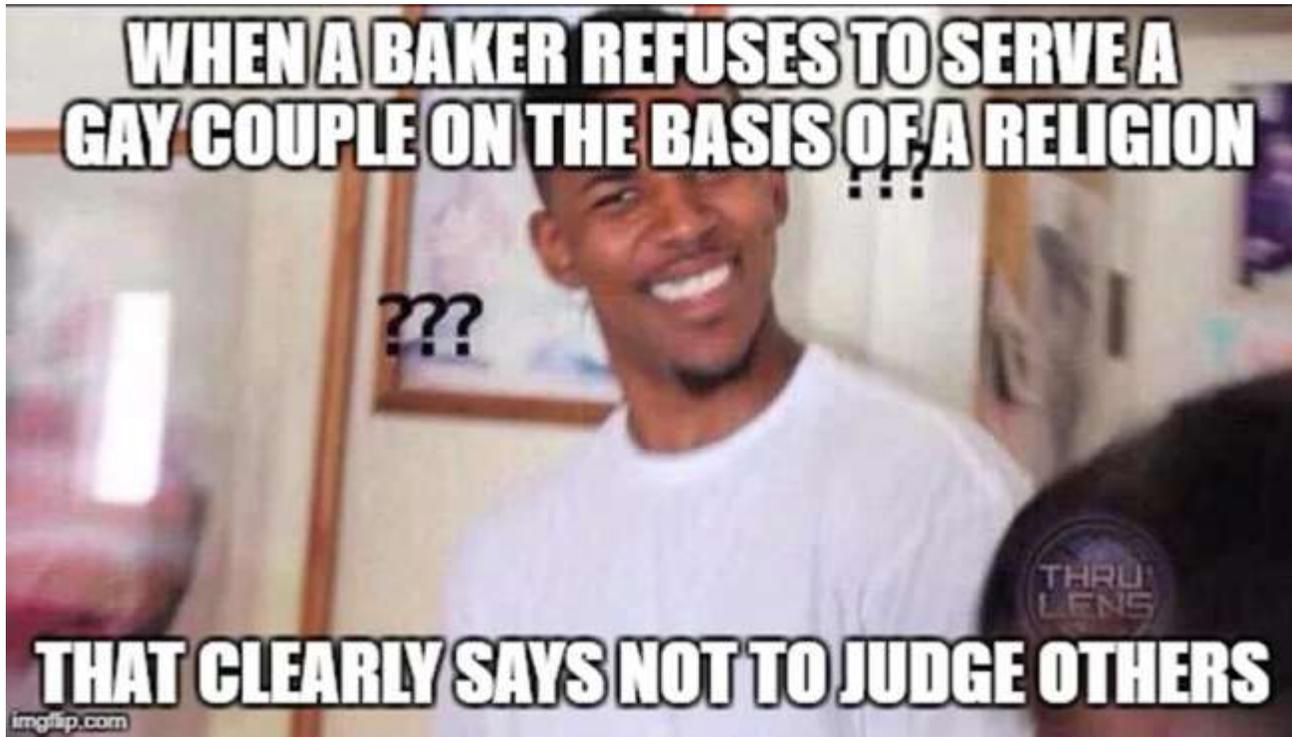
Continuing To Scale
The Talk On The Hill

Judgement

- It is important we understand the flow and unity of the sermon
- Section one, Matt.5, is on WHO we are to be. The Beatitudes, Be Salt, Be Light, Be Loving.
- Section two, Matt.6, is on HOW we are to live our lives.
- Section three, Matt.7, is on Judgement. What not do and what will be coming, and why.

Matt.7:1-5 - A Misunderstood Passage

- “You’re Judging Me!!”
- What is Judging?
- That the Christian should never express an opinion about others?



What is Judging?

- Rom.2:1-3 Gives the same message.
- If we look in the context of this passage, vs.6, “Do not give to dogs what is holy and do not throw your pearls before pigs.”
- Who is a dog? What is holy? What are pearls? Who are pigs?
- This verse calls for judgement and discernment to know who is who and what is what.
- 7:15 – Beware of false prophets... you will recognize them by their works
- Scripture teaches us that government appoints judges to pronouncement judgements.

What is Judging?

- What is that our courts judges are supposed to do?
- Examine the evidence and discern or judge what the truth is.
- So if there are those situations that the scripture tells us we need to judge, (examine the evidence and decide what the truth is,) what is it that we are not supposed to do?
- Jesus is taking us back to 5:22. Calling someone a fool. Being contemptuous. Being condescending. Condemning for some action they are doing.
- The underlying value of section one, is learning to let Jesus love people through us in the same way God loves them.

Walking The Narrow Path By Faith

- It is said that, “To walk by faith means to walk on a knife edge.”
- We can fall on the side of being tolerant and accepting or the other side of condemning and contemptuous.
- John 8:1-11; 5:14 are examples of how Jesus handled things.
- Compassion with principle vs.11
- What makes “Judging” wrong? Condemning and blaming
- Matt.7:2 – Hypocritical contempt. We will condemn and look down on people for the very things we do. Perhaps we recognize them in others because we see them in ourselves.

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- Really, God would not need to have any standard of righteousness in order to condemn us to hell. All he would have to use is the standard by which we have condemned others, but we ourselves are guilty of.
- That is the whole speck and log discussion. From our perspective they have the log and we have the speck. From their perspective, we have the log and they have the speck.
- Because we condemn in “holier than thou” self righteousness, our arrogance comes across as beating them with a beam.
- 5:44 – Love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you!
- 1 Cor.13:7 – Love bears, believes, hopes, endures all things

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- Bonhoeffer – “Among those who live as Jesus’ apprentices there are no relationships that omit the presence and action of Jesus. We never go “one on one”; all relationships are mediated through him. I never think simply of what I am going to do with you, to you, or for you. I think of what we, Jesus and I, are going to do with you, to you, and for you.”
- The only way we can survive in today's lawless culture, is to ABIDE in Christ and let Jesus love through us. He alone is the vine that knows how to speak and the answers to give that can bring about reconciliation to the Father.